

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Opinion of the Board, applicants request continuing examination and amend as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.